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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. FUJIOKA et al.
Serial No.: 09/182,435
Filed: October 30, 1998
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE
Art Unit: 2673
Examiner: D. Lewis

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REQUEST FOR COMPLETE OFFICE ACTION
AND RESTARTING OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 23, 2001

Sir:

The non-final Office Action of May 23, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application is acknowledged. However, it is submitted that the Office Action of May 23, 2001, is incomplete because it does not consider the supplemental amendment and the letter to the Official draftsman filed on May 21, 2001, and the second supplemental amendment, the letter to the Official draftsman, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 23, 2001, as evidenced by the attached copy of post card receipts stamped by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) acknowledging receipt of these papers on May 21 and 23, 2001.

The supplemental amendment of May 21, 2001, added new claims 13-30; the letter to the Official draftsman of May 21, 2001, proposed to correct Figs. 1, 5-6, 8-9, 12, 17-20, 22,

23A, 24, and 29; the second supplemental amendment of May 23, 2001, submitted a second substitute specification; the letter to the Official draftsman of May 23, 2001, proposed to correct Figs. 21 and 27B; and the Information Disclosure Statement of May 23, 2001, cited two references.

On July 26, 2001, during a telephone conversation with the applicants' representatives at the law firm indicated below, the Examiner acknowledged that he had the application in his office; that the papers filed on May 21 and 23, 2001, were in the application file; that he would be required to issue a complete Office Action considering the papers filed on May 21 and 23, 2001; and that he would try to issue the complete Office Action as soon as possible. However, the applicants have not yet received the complete Office Action.

Today, November 23, 2001, the Technology Center 2600 receptionist informed the applicants' representatives at the law firm indicated below that a complete Office Action has not yet been issued, and that the application is still with the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a complete Office Action considering the papers filed on May 21 and 23, 2001, and restarting the period for response pursuant to MPEP 714.05 (Eighth Edition, August 2001, page 700-181) which provides as follows in pertinent part (emphasis added):

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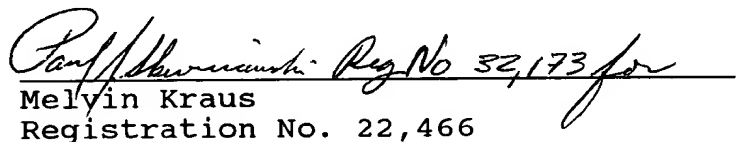
A supplemental action is usually necessary when an amendment is filed on or

before the mailing date of the regular action but reaches the Technology Center later. The supplemental action should be promptly prepared. It need not reiterate all portions of the previous action that are still applicable but it should specify which portions are to be disregarded, pointing out that the period for reply runs from the mailing of the supplemental action. The action should be headed "Responsive to amendment of (date) and supplemental to the action mailed (date)."

Since the Examiner is required to issue a complete Office Action restarting the period for response for the reasons discussed above, the applicants consider it unnecessary to respond to the incomplete Office Action of May 23, 2001. However, since today, November 23, 2001, is the end of the six-month statutory period for response to the incomplete non-final Office Action of May 23, 2001, this paper is being filed to avoid any question of abandonment of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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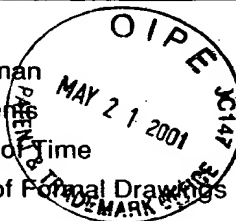
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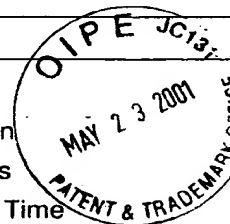
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